

THE PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY.

A Paper on the Kinematic Hypothesis by the Chief of the Geological Survey.

Dr. J. W. Powell, of the United States Geological Survey, and president of the Philosophical Society of this city, delivered his annual address before the members and friends of the society Saturday night, in the hall of the nation museum. The attendance was large, and many distinguished people were in the audience. The lecturer announced as his subject "The Three Methods of Evolution." He said that in the early history of research attention was chiefly given to the phenomena of coexistence. In late years the phenomena of sequence have received the larger share of attention, and that the investigation of these has led to a long series of important discoveries, resulting in formulating the nebular, atomic, and development of life hypothesis. The nebular theory is a supposition of astronomic evolution, the atomic chemical, and the development of life of the biologists. These represent the three classes of phenomena, constituting three stages of evolution. The kinematic hypothesis was briefly mentioned. He explained it to be the theory of persistent motion, and reasoned how it was reached by various methods, from the so-called forces—gravity, affinity, and magnetism—and that these could also be derived from that source. This hypothesis could also be reached by an inductive process, as also the hypothesis of another. Both are identical, the first is stated in terms of motions, the second in terms of matter. Closely connected is the nebular theory. He could not in a single lecture assemble data upon which the theory rests. He only attempted to characterize the processes of inductive reasoning by which the hypothesis is reached.

If the kinematic hypothesis should be demonstrated it would be a veritable explanation. The dynamic is no explanation. This fact was briefly analyzed by exhibiting man from the beginning of time through successive ages—his thoughts, methods, and acts broadly grouped in classes in the mythic, metaphysical, and scientific opinion. These divisions were explained and illustrated at length, and the point made was that the kinematic uses "attraction" as a synonym for "gravitation," while the dynamic uses it as a verbal explanation of gravitation.

Matter in its inorganic, organic, superorganic combination underwent thorough research—different modes of motion, its relations to combination were noted in the mineral, biotic (plants and animals), and anthropic (arts, institutions, languages, and opinions) kingdoms. The order of evolution was pointed out by the change in combination of matter and in mode of motion. In the mineral world changes are in directness, by combination, in relative quantity by transmission, in mode of motion through transmutation, and in the combination of modes of motion. In the biotic the same are to be found but then are added class in the transmutations of motion. In the anthropic kingdom all the changes in the other kingdoms appear, together with those in the composition of activities. The question of evolution was considered in detail. The lecturer defined it from his standpoint as progress in systemization. Care must be taken to note that not all changes are progressive—some are retrogressive. It is only the progressive changes that are called evolution; retrogressive are decay. Evolution was again defined as progress in differentiation by the establishment of unlike parts and in the integration of these parts by the establishment of interdependence. Dissolution is retrogression by the lapsing of integration through the destruction of interdependence, and the lapsing of differentiation through the loss of heterogeneity in parts. The doctrine of evolution in the kingdoms spoken of were defined. First, that physical evolution is the result of direct adaptation of environment under the law that motion is in the direction of least resistance. Second, biotic evolution is the result of indirect adaptation to the environment by the survival of the fittest in the struggle for existence. Third, anthropic evolution is the result of the exercise of human faculties in activities designed to increase happiness, and through which the environment is adapted to man—or, in fewer words, through adaptation—by survival of the fittest and by endeavor. The lecture ended with a beautiful tribute to man.

THE LASKER BANQUET.

Honors Paid the Great German Liberal by His Admirers Last Night.

The banquet in honor of Dr. Eduard Lasker at Abner's hall last night was attended by about 125 gentlemen, nearly all of them prominent German citizens. Among the guests were Messrs. Chas. A. and G. W. Gail, and Mr. Edward F. Loyh, managing editor of the Correspondent, of Baltimore; Mr. Paul Schulze, Hon. Simon Wolf, Hon. R. Guenther, of Wisconsin; Hon. L. Brentano, Hon. P. V. Deuster, Prof. Rau, of the Smithsonian Institution; Mr. L. Schade, Mr. A. Cuss, and others.

After the first toast, "The President of the United States," a formal welcome was extended to the guest by the president, Mr. Schulze. The second toast, "Our Honored Guest—a leader of German statesmen and patriots, and a representative of liberal principles—we express for him our respect," was responded to by Dr. Lasker, who was greeted with hearty applause. He spoke at length, stating that he had not undertaken his trip through the United States for pleasure only, because at his age one does not make such a trip for that purpose merely, but for political observation. He believed that Germany had entered upon a path that led away from the straight path of progress, and that the United States were occupying that position among the nations, where the principles of civilization and progress were now most active. This activity seemed in the course of history to be rotating and changing from one country to another, and he was rejoiced to find that his expectations in this respect had been fully realized.

The fourth toast was: "The United States of America—a free and happy nation, whose future is as safe as its past has been glorious." It was happily responded to by Hon. Lorenzo Brentano, of Chicago. The next toast concluded the regular toast and was as follows: "The Congress of the United States—a real popular representative body, free in its deliberations as is the spirit of our constitution." It was responded to by Hon. R. Guenther, of Wisconsin. A number of other toasts followed, and among the speakers responding were Hon. Simon Wolf, Mr. L. Schade, and others.

Wounded by a Salute.

While Maj. Hanneman's artillery was firing a salute in the white house grounds on Saturday, in honor of the Mexican veterans, Private Charles Herbert had his right hand and forearm blown off by a premature discharge of the gun. The accident was owing to the nervousness of a new private. Mr. Herbert was removed to Millburn's drug store, where Dr. Bliss rendered medical aid, after which he was removed to his home, No. 34 Third street southeast.

Senator Colquitt's Speech.

The meeting to-night at the Congressional church is a prelude to the Sunday school institute. Hon. A. H. Colquitt, of Georgia, will deliver an oration on "The Sunday School and Its Influence on Government and Society." A number of other speakers will take part, and the choir of Calvary Baptist church, with others, will furnish the music.

Robbing a Railroad.

John Wilson, the general delivery clerk of the Baltimore and Ohio freight depot, and two colored wagon drivers, named Anthony Williams and Samuel Frey, were arrested on Friday last for robbing the company. The case was called in the police court Saturday, and Wilson forfeited collateral. The colored men were charged with grand larceny, and the case went over until next Thursday.

Atacks.

The President's recommendation that a civil government should be established in Alaska has been responded to by the introduction of a bill in the senate and another in the house. Substantially the same, these bills make a governor, a district judge, a clerk, a marshal, an attorney, and four commissioners, who shall act as justices of the peace in four different sections of the district. The laws of Oregon shall apply to the territory.

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The Suffrage Committee.

The East Washington branch of the suffrage committee met last night, and decided to hold a series of mass meetings. The work of securing signatures to the congressional petitions will begin this week. The meeting was held at the residence of Capt. A. Grant, on A street southeast.

A Kentucky Congress.

Hon. Morgan R. Wise, of Pennsylvania, who has been here making an active campaign for the position of superintendent of the house folding room, has thrown up the sponge and returned home, very much disgusted with the unanimous way in which the house offices are being parcelled out among the southern states. He says this is a Kentucky congress, and if anything drifts north of the Ohio river it will be by accident and not design.

The quarterly conference of McKendree M. E. church has elected, Robert V. Bolt a delegate to the electoral conference of laymen to be held in Washington, on March 7, 1884. Henry Stock was elected alternate.

LATE LOCAL ITEMS.

The coast survey has been informed that the wreck of a schooner, with all sails set, is lying in five fathoms of water in the lower Potomac, not far from Finny Point.

In the French claims commission on Saturday answers in seven cases were made, aggregating \$13,300, with interest at 5 per cent from 1864 and 1865, while six cases were dismissed.

The Detroit Mutual Benefit association, filed a suit Saturday against Nathan H. Clarke, to recover \$223 balance of moneys alleged to have been collected by the defendant, as plaintiff's collecting agent from Oct. 1, to Nov. 1, 1883.

Mrs. Louisa Stephenson on Saturday swore out a warrant against A. D. Pfeil, a constable, for attaching her dead husband's property. Pfeil, it is alleged, executed a judgment on the deceased while the latter was dying, which action is the cause of the warrant.

The building inspector has written to Messrs. A. S. Pratt & Son, agents of Lincoln hall, stating that all improvements recommended by him have been complied with, and that the statement recently published was erroneous. All the doors now open outwardly.

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